

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 1775 "the Navy of the United Colonies" was established by an act of Congress, and since that time the United States Navy has defended our Nation's shores against attack and has ensured the safety of traffic upon the High Seas; and

WHEREAS, sailors who are natives of the great state of South Dakota have always played a prominent role in the history of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, the battleship USS SOUTH DAKOTA as the famed "BATTLESHIP X" played a vital role in World War II and the efforts of peace; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are urgently needed to ensure that our Navy is always ready to protect the peace it has fought so hard to win, and in order to enlist the largest possible number of volunteers, the Navy is currently conducting "Operation Sign-Up" throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, a special recruiting drive will be conducted in the state of South Dakota during the month of March 1956 to assist in "Operation Sign-Up" in order that the largest Navy in the world might be adequately manned,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jee Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 1956 to be:

"NAVY SIGN-UP MONTH"

in South Dakota and call upon all citizens of this state to assist the Navy Recruiters in the state of South Dakota in procuring their assigned quota of men during this period so that our United States Navy will continue to remain strong and capable of performing its mission as our first line of defense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 17th day of February, 1956.

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Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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